The Government has undertaken various e-governance initiatives to address delays in completing various processes.

Replacement of popular Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme

1579. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to replace the popular Duty Entitlement Passbook Scheme (DEPS);

(b) whether Government has appointed National Council for Applied Economic Research (NCAER) and Economic Law Forum to design a new export incentive scheme to replace DEPB; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. In the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31 st August, 2004, it was mentioned that the DEPB Scheme will continue to be operative until it is replaced by a new scheme which will be drawn up in consultation with the exporters.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. After wide ranging discussions with exporters and exporters organizations, based on the feedback of the proposals received, Government has decided to formulate a scheme with the help of National Council for Applied Economic Research, Rajiv Gandhi Foundatbn/Economic Law Practice, as their proposal was found to be based on sound economic principles which could capture the incidence of various duties and taxes on different products.

Sainik Welfare Boards in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

†1580. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the districts of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh in which Sainik Welfare Boards are in existence as on 31st March, 2002;

(b) the districts among them where number of ex-servicemen living there is less than and more then 7500;

(c) whether any approval has been taken from Ministry of Defence to establish Sainik Welfare Boards in districts having less than seven thousand and five hundred ex-servicemen; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) the details of districts having less than 7500 ex-servicemen alongwith the Ex-Servicemen Boards among these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) Statement regarding Zila Sainik Boards (ZSBs) in Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh:

Name of State	Name of districts having ZSBs on 31.3.2002		Whether Ex-servicemen population is more or less than 7500	Remarks
1		2	3	4
Madhya Pradesh	(1)	Morena	More than 7500	(i) All districts of Madhya Pradesh
	(2)	Gwalior	More than 7500	and Chhattisgarh
	(3)	Bhind	More than 7500	have ZSBs.
	(4)	Rewa	More than 7500	(ii) In case the
	(5)	Indore	More than 7500	ex-servicemen
	(6)	Jabalpur	More than 7500	population is less
	(7)	Sagar	Less than 7500	than 7500, prior
	(8)	Shivpuri	Less than 7500	approval of the
	(9)	Dewas,	Less than 7500	Central Government
	(10)	Ratlam	Less than 7500	is needed for
	(11)	Tikamgarh	Less than 7500	setting up of ZSB.
	(12)	Narshinghpu	Less than 7500	
	(13)	Mandsaur	Less than 7500	
	(14)	Bhopal	Less than 7500	
	(15)	Ujjain	Less than 7500	
	(16)	Datia	Less than 7500	
	(18)	Betul	Less than 7500	
	(19)	Dhar	Less than 7500	
	(20)	Satna	Less than 7500	

1	2	3	4
	(21)	Hoshangabad	Less than 7500
	(22)	Damon	Less than 7500
	(23)	Panna	Less than 7500
	(24)	Chhatarpur	Less than 7500
	(25)	Seoni	Less than 7500
	(26)	Shahdol	Less than 7500
	(27)	Chhindwara	Less than 7500
Chhattisgarh	(1)	Raipur	More than 7500
	(2)	Durg	More than 7500
	(3)	Bilaspur	More than 7500
	(4)	Raigarh (Jashpur)	More than 7500
	(5)	Rajnandgaon	Less than 7500

Violation of LoC ceasefire

1581. SHRIAMAR SINGH:

SHRILALITSURI:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the last few months there have been cases of violation of ceasefire from across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the number of cases of violation, the number of casualties and other losses suffered by the civilian population and the armed forces including the para-military forces;

(c) whether protest in this regard has been lodged with the Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, their reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) There have been four incidents of firing from across the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir since November, 2003. No casualties or losses have been suffered by the civilian population and the armed forces including the para-military forces in these incidents.